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Column One

By David Courtney

THE dispute over the Huleh Basin, and the incidents which have arisen out of it, will be looked into today by the Security Council; and passed back, if the forecasts are correct, with the customary preceptive guidance, to the M.A.C. One cannot help thinking that the Security Council would do better itself to ponder the faults and causes and consider them less in relation to Articles and Clauses of the Armistice Agreement than to the usefulness, at this stage and after so long, of the Agreements themselves as instruments which, instead of easing the way to a peace settlement, have come to be regarded by the Arabs and perhaps in some quarters of U.N. as an indefinite and sufficient statute upon which to base the relationships between the State of Israel and its neighbours.

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AN armistice is usually entered into by one side or the other under a form of duress. It is only natural that, after a time, the political claims and necessities of the parties should begin to conflict with the compulsions of a document based largely on military exigencies at the time the document was negotiated. Over a reasonable period, constructively leading to a final settlement, an agency in the manner of the Mixed Armistice Commission is an admirable means for resolving the initial problems arising out of the application of the Armistice Agreement. But there must come a time — and it has come — when the civil development of one at least of the parties to the agreement can no longer brook the restricting uncertainties of temporary and disputed frontiers, demilitarized zones, and a state of suspended hostilities sanctioned by a contract the purpose of which was to end such hostilities altogether. The Armistice Agreement then becomes nothing better than an uneasy deadlock.

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IN the present instance it has become the habit to treat the two parties to each of the Armistice Agreements between Israel and the Arab States bordering Israel's territory on terms of equality. There has been no formal acceptance of the fact that one side was the aggressor and the other the victim and that the victim was victorious in battle. Perhaps it is well that this should be so. It would have been very well indeed if it had helped towards a swift and sensible peace settlement and to the development of friendly relations between the States formerly at war. Quite the contrary has happened. The Arab States, convinced of a fundamental economic weakness in the State of Israel, regard the Armistice Agreements as weapons by which still further to weaken the economy and social stability of Israel, and so to "soften up" the nation and its means of security against some future opportunity to invade.

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IT is probably unjust to lump all Israel's neighbours together in this role. There has been evidence of a desire in Amman for a constructive settlement. There has been similar evidence in Beirut. Both Lebanon and the Kingdom of Jordan would stand to benefit in their trade from normal stable relations with Israel. But neither of these two countries is in a position to act against the policy of Egypt, Iraq and Syria. None of these three States has any immediate substantial gain to hope for from a peace settlement with Israel; but in the absence of peace settlements and the continuance of a state of affairs that is neither peace nor war, they feel able to indulge territorial ambitions and to foresee a time when Israel, crippled economically and exasperated by a long series of provocative frontier incidents, will be theirs for the taking.

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THERE would seem to be no good reason why the State of Israel should allow indefinitely the exercise of the

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AZEM SEES MINISTERS

DAMASCUS, Monday (Reuter) — Premier Khalid Azem today received the Ministers of Britain, the U.S., France, Russia, Yugoslavia, Brazil and Turkey, whose governments are members of the Security council.

MacA. to Address Joint Congress On Thursday

WASHINGTON, Monday. The House of Representatives agreed unanimously today to invite General MacArthur to address a joint meeting of Congress on Thursday, and the Senate is expected to take similar action. General MacArthur has already cabled his willingness to address Congress.

San Francisco's plans for a hero's welcome to the General on his return to the U.S. for the first time in 15 years have been postponed from Tuesday to Wednesday at the General's request. The proposed formal reception at the airport, a parade into San Francisco and greetings at the City Hall on Tuesday were ruled out today because General MacArthur's plane will not arrive until after dark, Mayor Elmer Robinson announced.

A formal ceremony will be held on Wednesday.

When Congress assembles on Thursday it will hear General MacArthur at a joint meeting of the House and Senate, and not a joint session of the two bodies. A joint meeting is an informal gathering, while a joint session is a formal one.

There has been no indication whether Mr. Truman might be present when General MacArthur speaks.

A White House spokesman said today that President Truman would see General MacArthur if he wished, but as far as he knew General MacArthur had not asked for an appointment.

Meanwhile, General MacArthur landed in Honolulu today en route to the U.S. from Tokyo. He was greeted at Hickam airfield by Admiral Radford, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and enjoyed a warm welcome from a large crowd of officials.

(Reuter, UP)

U.N. Receives Korean Offer

LAKE SUCCESS, Monday (Reuter).—The U.N. received today a long message in Russian from North Korean authorities. The message signed by Pak Yong, Foreign Minister of the Korean People's Republic, was still being translated by U.N. officials. It was believed to be the text of a message which the North Korean radio said yesterday was sent to the U.N. containing a request for peaceful settlement by the Korean people to end the war.

That message also protested against the presence of foreign armed forces in Korea.

Some officials said here that if that were the case it was merely a reiteration of the frequently-proffered offer by the Communists of "peace on our terms." There was no indication in that broadcast of willingness to make any concessions.

South-Africans Help Nazi Defendants

JOHANNESBURG, Monday, (INA). — An appeal to "all Christians in South Africa" to aid Nazi families in Germany whose menfolk are serving long-term imprisonment or have been executed for war-crimes, has been issued by the Brits, Transvaal, "Silent Help Committee" and distributed at a synod of the Dutch Reformed Church which is meeting now in Pretoria.

The pamphlet claims that £400 has already been collected in the small town of Brits alone and forwarded to Germany a month ago.

Chinese Fight Delaying Action

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — U.N. troops today followed cautiously on the heels of retreating Communists along most of the zigzagging battlefront in Korea. Chinese and North Korean units fought delaying actions along the western and central fronts but the Eighth Army under new commander General James Van Fleet registered limited advances.

Their biggest gains were on the east central front where they entered Yanggu, 20 km. east of Hwachon, against practically no resistance.

Aussies and Londoners

On the central front, Australian troops supported by London units stormed with fixed bayonets another of the towering hills north of the 38th Parallel.

The fighting seemed to be everywhere of the kind which has been going on for several weeks past. The main body of Chinese yield good defensive positions without a struggle. Behind them there are small but resolute bands who make the most of the terrain in fighting grim delaying actions. The bitterness of this type of fighting was shown by an Eighth Army estimate today that [illegible] Communists were killed or wounded.

The Chinese were fighting hardest today in defence of the approaches to Kumhwa, "pinnacle point" along the waterway Chorwon-Kumhwa supply road, and to the east in the vicinity of [illegible] itself.

Meanwhile, nearly [illegible] rival jets went into combat over North Korea today.

Strike Waning But Iran Tense

TEHERAN, Monday. — Although the situation eased in strike-torn Abadan today, where strikers returning to work found no pickets to stop them, the mood in Persia was tense as three British warships stood by in the Persian Gulf and a group of British workers and all Americans fled from Abadan. The Persian Senate meanwhile passed an unanimous vote of confidence in Premier Hussein Ala's Government.

The whole country, however, mindful of British Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison's statement last Friday that "Britain will not hesitate to take appropriate action" to protect British citizens and property, was gripped in the fear of finding foreign troops on Persian soil. The Foreign Office in London said today it could make no statement on British plans, except to draw attention to Mr. Morrison's statement — but Premier Hussein Ala was reported to have expressed serious apprehensions in private conversations in Teheran. Many Persians fear if British troops enter Abadan, Russia will use her right to send troops to Persia if a third power enters onto Persian soil, given in the 1921 Treaty.

In Abadan, where 2,200 of the 14,000 strikers returned to work today, the situation was quiet, as all 30 American families in the port were evacuated, and a group of British families left by air for London. The Anglo-Iranian Company announced in Teheran, however, that all British key experts were still at their posts.

Under Control

While Government Ministers were meeting to consider the explosive situation, the Army Chief of Staff claimed strikers were returning to work all over Persia, and that the situation was under control.

Government representatives arrived at Bandar Mashur, east of Abadan, today to settle labour disputes which spread there. The religious leader, Chachim Chaini, meanwhile appealed to all workers to return to work as unrest and disorder would "only serve British interests." He promised them the British would soon be out of Iran and the Government would redress all the workers' grievances.

In Kashan, a holy town east of Teheran, two workers were killed today when the Army and 2,000 workers in the carpet industry clashed today. The workers were striking against the dismissal of two of their comrades, — the first strike ever remembered in the holy town. The Governor of the Province has been instructed to restore order.

Meanwhile, the Parliamentary Oil Committee met and appointed seven men to discuss implementation of the nationalization resolution.

(AFP, Reuter, UP)

Persian Oil Will Go Only to Britain

LONDON, Monday, (Reuter). — Persia has no intention of depriving Britain of oil by her decision to nationalize the oil industry, or of giving the oil to any other country, the Persian Ambassador, Ali Soheily, said here today.

In an official statement which has the approval of the Persian Government, the Ambassador put the Persian case, in order to correct what he considered erroneous impressions of the circumstances of the oil dispute and the nationalization decision.

He warned, however, that the current Anglo-American talks on Persia, insofar as they affect oil problems, are considered as interference in Persian affairs and have no validity for Persia.

LIE IN GREECE

ATHENS, Monday (Reuter).—U.N. Secretary-General Trygve Lie arrived here yesterday from Belgrade and lunched today with King Paul and Queen Frederika. He is touring the Balkans and the Middle East with Mrs. Lie. Before leaving on Wednesday, Mr. Lie will confer with Greek officials and with members of the U.N. Special Committee for the Balkans.

"My visit has no special political purpose," he told reporters last night. "Greece has always been an active member of the U.N., and the U.N. in turn has aided Greece to defend her independence and integrity and to start re-building her economic life."

Mr. Lie will spend three days in Israel, and not two as previously announced. He is due to arrive at Lydda Airport from Turkey aboard his private U.N. plane at noon on Friday, April 27 (the last day of Passover) and will leave on Monday morning for Libya.

FIRST RESULTS IN LEBANON

BEIRUT, Monday, (AFP). — Official returns on yesterday's legislative elections are still not available, but, according to semi-official reports, some fractional returns are already acquired as certainties.

In Beirut, the list comprising important political personalities, mostly outgoing deputies such as Abdallah Yafi and former Premiers Sami Solh, Habib Abi Chahla, former Foreign Minister Henri Pharaon and former Minister to the Vatican Charles Helou, has been completely re-elected.

In Southern Lebanon, the list of El Assad, former Public Works Minister, and including ex-Premier Riad es Solh, is also elected.

The same applies to the list submitted in Tripoli by Rashid Karame, son of ex-Premier Abdel Hamid Karame.

U.K. CATTLE FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Pedigree Hereford cattle bought for £15,000 will leave Britain soon to found beef herds in Israel. This largest consignment of Herefords ever to leave Britain will go to the experimental station at Haifa and will eventually be distributed to farmers throughout the country.

JORDAN HOUSE SUMMONED

A Royal decree was issued in Amman yesterday summoning an emergency session of Parliament on April 21 to discuss the 1951-52 Budget, according to a Ramallah radio broadcast. The ordinary sittings of the House will not be resumed till November.

A Reconstruction and Development Bank is to be founded in Amman to finance refugee employment schemes with UNRWA capital in addition to that supplied by the Jordan government and the general public, NEABS announced yesterday.

Palestine Mayors Accused of Treason

Charges of treason were levelled against a number of Arab Palestine mayors and senior Jordan officials by Ahmed Bey Toukan, the Jordan Foreign Minister, at a recent session of the Jordan Cabinet, "A-Sareeh" reports.

It was alleged that they had crossed the lines into Israel recently and had conducted secret talks with the Israel government.

[illegible], brother of the Israel Arab Communist trade union leader, [illegible], has been sentenced to six weeks imprisonment in the Old City for spreading Communist propaganda and communicating with his brother in Israel, according to the paper.

Iraq Discussions On Jewish Property

The Baghdad Chamber of Commerce met twice this week with the Iraqi Custodian of Jewish Property to discuss the best means of exploiting the property and funds confiscated from Iraq's Jews, ANA reports from Baghdad.

The Chamber of Commerce appealed to the Iraqi government to take speedy action in using the funds to improve the country's economic situation.

$1m. Loan for Israel

MEXICO CITY, Monday (INA). — Mexican Zionists have secured a $1m. emergency loan for Israel, repayable in six months, largely as a result of the efforts of the Honorary Israel Consul, Senor Adolpho Fasslicht, and Senor Vias Reznikoff, a leading member of the Mexican Zionist movement.

Exiled Bolivian Turned Back

BUENOS AIRES, Monday (Reuter). — One person was killed, 11 were injured and 51 arrested in the Bolivian capital of La Paz on Saturday when police clashed with members of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement, it was reported here today. The demonstrators were finally dispersed with tear gas.

The demonstration was timed to coincide with the arrival of the movement's leader, Dr. Victor Paz Estensoro, from exile in Argentina—but the plane bringing him was not allowed to land, and he was back in Buenos Aires today. It was Dr. Paz's second attempt this month to return home to contest next month's Presidential elections in which he is one of the six candidates. He has been in exile in Uruguay and Argentina since the 1946 Bolivian revolt.

Calm Restored

Trouble broke out in La Paz when the waiting crowd heard that the Government had not authorized Dr. Paz to land, claiming it had evidence of a subversive plot planned for his return.

The Nationalist Revolutionary Movement later said they were victims of "official calumny" aimed at preventing Dr. Paz from winning the Presidential election on May 6.

Latest reports from La Paz said calm had been restored.

Truman Frees $29m. Fund For Yugoslav Army

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — President Truman notified Congress today he had authorised use of $29m. of Government funds to enable Yugoslavia to obtain raw materials for her armed forces.

Mr. Truman wrote to the chairman of the Senate and House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee:

"The drought which gave rise to the need for assistance not only caused a shortage in the availability of food for consumption in Yugoslavia, but also has made it impossible for Yugoslavia to export the agricultural products with which she normally obtains the resources to pay for imports of critically needed raw materials."

Suez Blockade In House of Commons

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — British tankers going to Haifa should be escorted through the Suez Canal by destroyers "or even a couple of gunboats," a Conservative member, Mr. Gerald Williams, suggested in the House of Commons today.

Mr. Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, said that he could not comment on such a question without notice, nor could he say what was the attitude of the British and French directors of the Suez Canal company. Another Conservative member urged the Government to bear in mind that the recent Persian disturbances made it "all the more urgent" to clear up the situation in the Canal Zone, but Mr. Younger did not reply. He did, however, inform the House that the U.S. was not directly concerned in the forming of any decision about British troops in Egypt.

Tel Aviv Asks for IL.2.7m. Subsidy from Government

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Municipal Council today voted to ask the Government for IL.2,700,000 in subsidies for various services, including education, hospitalization, social welfare and public works. Still to be voted upon are loans, amounting in the budget to IL.4.2m., and a small item, asking the Government to contribute IL.25,000 toward the purchase of furniture and equipment.

Last year, the budget for Government subsidies totalled IL.1,410,000. A number of Councillors objected to the demands as presented in the budget, and Mayor I. Rokach emphasized that unless the Government was willing to satisfy its "minimal demands," the Council would be heavily in debt.

Road-Building Costs

He explained that the building of a square metre of road used to cost 500 pruta a few years ago, whereas it now costs IL.10 in some places; that the recent increase in the cost of living meant an additional IL.100,000 or even more which was not shown on the expenditure side, since the budget was prepared in February; that municipal employees were pressing for higher wages; that the maintenance cost of a hospital bed had almost doubled. As long as the Government would not permit the reorganization of the tax system of local authorities, where was the money to come from, he asked his critics.

The Council finally voted to ask the Government for an additional allocation of locally collected entertainment tax amounting to IL.200,000; Government participation in covering 20 per cent of the teachers' salaries (IL.300,000); Government subsidy for medical services—including school clinics, Tipat Halav, etc.— of IL.75,000; and a general grant of IL.850,000 for public works and other services.

Jobs for Immigrants

The most bitter debate developed over the request from the Government for IL.225,000 toward the employment of new immigrants and other unemployed. The Mayor explained that 800 people were being artificially kept at work, against 1,200 a year ago. These workers cost the Municipality about IL.1.3m., toward which the Government was asked to contribute about 17 per cent, he said. Some Mapai members saw no reason to ask the Government to support such work schemes which fell under the heading of "absorption" while the Communist and Mapam members asked that the grant be doubled.

Included in demands from the Government is also IL.200,000 representing 25 per cent of the cost of building new schools, kindergartens, hospitals and clinics.

The Council will continue the budget debate tomorrow.

Jerusalem May Raise Workers' Pay

A proposal to raise the salaries of Jerusalem municipal employees to the level of Tel Aviv has been submitted to the city's Financial Committee by Mayor S.Z. Shragai. The Municipal Council had authorized the Mayor to present the proposal.

It also was reported that IL.8,500 will be distributed to the city's needy for Passover, instead of the IL.6,000 given last year.

Zim Ship Launched in Holland

ROTTERDAM, Monday (INA) — The Rimon, a new Zim Navigation Company ship, was launched at noon today by Mrs. M. Amir, the wife of the Minister to the Benelux countries. Among the 700 people present at the ceremony were government officials, many high-ranking naval officers, Dr. Amir, Aloof David Shaltiel, Military Attache to the Benelux countries, and leading members of the Jewish community. Jewish children received a day's holiday from school to watch the ceremony. The dockyard company orchestra played Hatikva as the vessel was launched and the public later joined in the singing of two Israel marches.

At a reception and cocktail party Mr. van der [illegible], president of the dockyard company, offered Mrs. Amir a certificate for [illegible] Jewish National Fund trees named in memory of their son, Carmi, who was killed in action. Dr. Amir declared that the vessel was the beginning of an extensive fleet. The champagne served at the luncheon was specially brought from Rishon.

Addressing a press conference later, the president of Zim revealed that another vessel would be launched within the coming two months. Zim now owns [illegible] ships, he said, and had carried [illegible] passengers. Plans were now under way for the construction of a passenger vessel and for a tanker.

Note on Syrian Army Moves

HAKIRYA, Monday. — Israel has protested to the Israel-Syria Mixed Armistice Commission on a recent statement by the Syrian Deputy Chief of Staff that the whole Syrian army was concentrated on the Israel border, and asked Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder, Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, to include this on the agenda of the M.A.C. as a violation of the Armistice Agreement.

A letter sent to Colonel de Ridder on Friday by Sgan Aloof Shaul Ramati, senior Israel delegate to the M.A.C.'s, reads:

"I have the honour to inform you of the following Israel complaint against Syria which I would ask you to put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Israel-Syria M.A.C. An official statement has been made by Colonel Shishakly, the Syrian Deputy Chief of Staff, to the effect that the whole Syrian army is now concentrated on the Israel border.

"The Syrian army exceeds the forces permitted in the defensive area in accordance with Annex IV to the Israel-Syrian Armistice Agreement. This concentration, as officially admitted, is therefore a flagrant breach of Article V. Para. 6 of the Armistice Agreement and constitutes a threat to Israel in violation of Article I of the Armistice Agreement.

"I ask you to take immediate steps to see that forces not permitted in the defensive area are withdrawn by the Syrian authorities forthwith."

16 Syrian Violations

Complaints have been submitted recently by Israel to the Israel-Syria M.A.C. on 16 violations of the Armistice Agreement in the week between April 7 and April 14.

1. April 7 at 0600 hours, two Syrian fighters flew over the defensive area and central demilitarized zone;
2. April 7 at 0630 hours, two Syrian fighters flew just along the Syrian side of the border, east of the central demilitarized zone;
3. April 7 at 1050 hours, two Syrian fighters flew over Ein Gev in the southern demilitarized zone;
4. April 8 at 1345 hours, some [illegible] Syrian soldiers took up positions on the border north of Nukeib. Some crossed into the demilitarized zone;
5. April 9 at 1340 hours, two Syrian fighters flew over the defensive area between the Customs House and Bnot Yaacov bridge;
6. April 9 at 1745 hours, Israel police patrol sent to check if Nukeib village still empty, sighted Syrian soldiers near entrance to village, soldiers took up positions and the patrol withdrew.
7. April 10 at 0730 hours, Syrian military aircraft flew over Ein Gev;
8. April 10 at 0830 hours, regular police patrol of eight men went along the road towards Nukeib. When some 100 metres from the village heavy rifle fire was opened on them from the village, and rifle and machine-gun fire from a hill north-east of the village. The patrol extricated itself with some difficulty, having sighted 50 Arabs mostly in khaki who attacked them.

Guarantee Refused

When U.N. Observers tried to get a guarantee from the Syrian delegation that no fire would be opened on them, if they entered the area, this was refused, and the Syrian delegation did not cooperate despite repeated requests by the Senior U.N. Observer to cease firing. The firing continued until 2045 hours, no U.N. Observer entering the area. This flagrant violation is particularly serious due to the attitude of the Syrian delegation who were accomplices to the attack and share responsibility;

9. April 11 at 0830 hour, two Syrian fighters flew over the central demilitarized zone;
10. April 11 at 1205 hours, two Syrian fighters flew along the border;
11. April 11 at 1210 hours, three Syrian aircraft flew over the central demilitarized zone;
12. April 11 at 1540 hours, one Syrian military aircraft flew over Ein Gev and circled to a distance of two kilometres over Lake Tiberias;
13. April 11 at 1610 hours, [illegible] armed Arabs in khaki, some wearing steel helmets, entered Nukeib village;
14. April 11 at 1615 hour, two Syrian fighters flew over the central demilitarized zone;
15. April 11 at [illegible] hours, two Syrian fighters flew over [illegible], were engaged by an Israel fighter and escaped over the border;
16. April 14 at 0615 hours, three Syrian soldiers fired a burst of machine-gun fire at a policeman on duty at Bnot Yaacov Bridge. He was hit by a ricochet and wounded. Fifteen minutes later, two rifle shots were fired from Syrian territory at his relief.

Eban to Stress Value Of Huleh Draining

By Our Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV, Monday. — There is satisfaction in Government and diplomatic circles at the decision of the Syrian Government to accept the four conditions for a resumption of the Israel-Syrian M.A.C. submitted to both governments by Colonel de Ridder and accepted by Israel last week.

It is felt here that the Syrian acceptance should ease the task of the Security Council, which meets tomorrow to consider the Huleh dispute and the incidents arising out of it. The impression appears to be that the Security Council will give general instructions to the U.N. Chief of Staff which may amount to passing the dispute back to the M.A.C. In some quarters, it is thought that the Security Council may also ask for a further report on the question of Israel's drainage and reclamation work in the Huleh Basin, upon which it may subsequently be compelled to give a ruling.

It is understood that Mr. Eban has been carefully briefed, not merely on the direct complaints before the U.N. but also upon the importance, within the framework of U.N. and other declarations stressing the urgent need for the opening up of undeveloped areas, of the drainage and reclamation work now being carried out in the Huleh area.

Increased Productivity

It will be pointed out, that the raising of swamplands to a level of productive agriculture and the drainage of malaria-infested waters to serve in the irrigation of other areas, is a project both within the meaning of Article V of the Armistice Agreement and of the injunction of U.N. and the great powers to increase national productivity.

It is believed in Government circles that Syria's use of the Armistice Agreement as a weapon to serve the same ends as the Arab boycott is plainly evident. At the same time it is felt that the tension along the frontier, and the incidents deliberately provoked, have been exploited for the purpose of stabilizing the position of what had been an extremely weak Syrian government. This second purpose having been more or less accomplished, there may be reason to hope that Syria is now prepared to listen to reason.

The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis, and the British Minister, Sir Knox Helm, called separately on Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett at Hakirya today. It was their first meeting with him since his indisposition. It is understood that Mr. Sharett outlined to them Israel's view on the sovereignty of the demilitarized zones and the position in the Huleh and El Hamma areas.

Moscow Blames U.S. For Huleh Trouble

In a series of three cables datelined Tel Aviv and Beirut, the Moscow paper "Pravda" has now reported on the Huleh incident. The paper gave the official account of the incident as published by both sides and quoted pro-Communist newspapers of the Middle East.

Basing itself on these sources, "Pravda" made the following allegations: 1) The incident was staged by American imperialism which is interested in intensifying the prevailing war psychosis in the Middle East. 2) American diplomats have prevented the discussion of the incidents at the Security Council by intervening directly in Damascus and Tel Aviv. 3) The U.S. wished to strengthen its Middle East position by dictating to both countries.

The Soviet newspaper concluded that the Huleh incidents were directed against both Syria and Israel. Quoting "Kol Ha'am," the Israel Communist paper, it demanded recall of the U.N. Truce Supervision Staff. It did not propose direct negotiations between Syria and Israel, but it asked for renewed struggle against the enemies of peace.

No Israel-Syria M.A.C. Meeting Scheduled

No meeting of the Israel-Syria M.A.C. has yet been scheduled, U.N. sources in Jerusalem disclosed yesterday.

It also is not yet known whether the Acting U.N. Chief of Staff, Colonel B.L. de Ridder, will again confer with Israel authorities before calling a meeting.

MAC Member to N.Y.

DAMASCUS, Monday (AFP). — Major [illegible], Chairman of the Syrian delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission left by air for Lake Success to assist the Syrian delegate to the Security Council, Faris el Khoury.

STRAND Special
VIRGINIA CIGARETTES

Social & Personal

Viscount and Lady Samuel are due to leave Lydda by BOAC for London today.

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Mr. G. Hedergen, the Swedish Minister to Israel, paid a courtesy call on the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett, at his office in Hakirya yesterday.

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Mr. L. Greenberg, Justice of the Supreme Court of South Africa, arrived by El Al yesterday for a visit.

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The Ministry of Education yesterday held a reception in Jerusalem for the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and for Alexander Borowsky, the pianist; Professor Max Rostal, the violinist; Aaron Copland, the composer; Walter Goehr, the conductor; William Primrose, the violist and Dr. Jacob Greenberg, the Assistant Superintendent of Education of New York.

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Alderman A. Moss, Justice of the Peace of the City of Manchester and Vice-President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, and Mrs. Moss, have arrived for a short stay. Alderman Moss has brought greetings from the Lord Mayor of Manchester to the Mayor of Jerusalem. The visitors are stopping at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

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Mr. Julian L. Meltzer has returned to Jerusalem after spending several months in London on behalf of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

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Mr. Rex Wheeler, of the London office of the American Express Company Inc., arrived in Israel and will be in charge of the Tel Aviv office pending the recovery of Mr. E. Salaman from his recent illness.

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A symposium on "The Problem of Religion in the State" will be held by the B'nai B'rith Haganah Lodge in Jerusalem at 8.30 this evening at the Touring Club in Talbieh. Messrs. Jacob Breuer, Shimon Eynath and Avigdor Levontin will speak. Members and guests are invited.

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The Touring Club in Talbieh, Jerusalem, will be closed from tomorrow owing to renovations and preparations for Passover. It will re-open on Saturday evening for the Second Seder for Tourists.

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Gounod's opera, "Faust," will be presented by the Hebrew National Opera at the Habima Hall in Tel Aviv at 8.30 tonight. G. Singer will conduct.

NUMBER 14399 WINS IL.25,000

The IL.25,000 prize in the Popular Loan Drawing was won by number 14399 in Series 4 yesterday. The drawing took place at noon in Jerusalem. This was the first time that the top prize has been IL.25,000.

The other winning numbers were:

IL.8,000 — 14399, Series 2
IL.5,000 — 14399, Series 1
IL.2,000 — 14399, Series 3 and 5.
IL.1,000 — 23902, Series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
IL.500 — 37500, 21008, Series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.
IL.250 — (in all five Series): — 10170 08776 14171 58343 32119 24894
IL.50 — (in all five Series): —

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Syrian Stand on Huleh Seen As Rejection of Armistice Pact

Mr. Sharett's statement on the Syrian dispute led the front pages of all newspapers yesterday except for "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) which gave pride of place to the report — datelined Teheran but without any source — of the continued strike at the Anglo-Iranian Refinery in Abadan. A number of papers discussed the Huleh issue editorially.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) deals with the terms of the Armistice Agreement and points out that the Syrian agreement was the last to be signed, when the terms were already well understood. For the U.N. Chairman of the M.A.C. to permit the Syrians to halt the Huleh development programme was to create a dangerous precedent likely to undermine the system which grew out of the agreements, the paper warns. It recalls the Syrian reference to "the inevitable war," and predicts that the Syrians will suffer a second defeat if they again attempt aggression. The paper warns the Western world, which is interested in peace, that the present is no time to encourage "military" adventures, and cautions the Security Council against the "fantasies" of the "adventurers of Damascus."

"Hatzofeh" (Mizrahi) also dwells on the efforts of certain circles in the U.N. and the M.A.C. to transfer to U.N. jurisdiction areas now under Israel sovereignty as guaranteed by the Armistice Agreement. The sudden Syrian tactics after months of silence in the face of drainage work in the Huleh, the paper says, were for "internal consumption," intended to mislead the Syrian people.

Gov't Called Tardy

"Herut" accuses the Government of tardiness in issuing the facts contained in Mr. Sharett's statement, and claims that it was this which made it possible for the Syrians to turn opinion abroad against Israel.

It was this tardiness, the paper adds, which led to the "ridiculous decision" of the Chief Observer that the demilitarized zone did not come under Israel sovereignty. Mr. Sharett's statement on the eve of the Security Council's deliberations proved, the paper charges, that the Government had failed to understand the importance of world opinion.

"Hatzofeh" also publishes an unsigned article on the Huleh swamps tracing the history of the drainage and development programme since Turkish times.

Editorials in "Davar" (Histadrut) and "Al Hamishmar" deal with Mr. Kaplan's press conference of Friday. Both begin by observing that the Finance Minister had not disclosed anything new in his statement, but "Davar's" article is largely laudatory, "Al Hamishmar's" largely critical. "Davar" notes with satisfaction that the Government has discontinued the practice of issuing notes, and praises the decision to withhold credit from gold-holders. At the same time, it regrets that the banks have been given the power to decide on credit allocations, and to Mr. Kaplan's statement that there is no legal basis for Government intervention, suggests new legislation.

Danger of Credit Cuts

"Al Hamishmar" suggests that credit restriction, while it is an anti-inflation measure, is dangerous in that it may lead to deflation and resultant unemployment. Credit restriction must be limited to non-essentials, the paper urges.

The entire press reports the Jerusalem Municipality's stormy meeting on Sunday evening, with the exception of "Herut" and "Al Hamishmar." "Davar" and "Haboker," however, avoid the statement which led to the flare-up between the majority and the opposition — Mr. E. Eliashar's phrase speculating on the existence of "criminals" among the opposition.

At the Cinema

THE basic shortcoming of the British film, "Gone to Earth," (Esther, Tel Aviv) is the almost overwhelming desire of the producer-writer-director team of Michael Powell and Emerich Pressburger to put all the imaginable ingredients of romantic Victorian literature into the picture. The result is an artificial and stereotyped production.

The story is of the daughter of a coffin-maker and harpist who lives in the loneliness of the forest with her father and is unaware of her beauty and powers of witchcraft. A hard-hunting squire transforms the girl into a woman conscious of her powers.

Visually, the film is splendid and unreels a Technicolor revelation of the British landscape. Of the cast, only Jennifer Jones, in the main role, is at all convincing, while David Farrar and Cyril Cusack are rather conventional.

Rags and Tatters

"LE Pere Tranquille" at the Tamar is a technically poor production dealing with the Maquis fight against the German occupation. Only Noel Noel in the principal role is worth mentioning. The film seems to have been cut over-enthusiastically and the last reel is completely unintelligible.

Mo.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 407 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.
TEL AVIV: 42.9, 93.3 & 522 M.:

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30 p.m., 6, 8.30 and 10.25 p.m.; English: 2 and 10.15 p.m.; Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; French: 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service. 6.35 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.30 Close Down.

10.00 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 10.30 Variety (R). 11.00 At the Opera (R). 12.00 N. Break for Music (R). 12.20 "Consumers' Co-operatives." 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme: Classical Requests. 1.45 Housewives' Corner. 2.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 4.20 Siesta (R). 4.30 Piano Recital: Paul Schlesinger. 4.45 Light Music (R). 5.00 Vocal Recital: Bezalel Shary. 5.30 Recital: Sascha Parnes & W.A. Schocken: Work by Milhaud. 5.50 Agricultural Corner. 6.15 Talk. 6.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Sports. 7.45 Bible Reading. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.45 Guest Talk. 9.00 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Walter Goehr; Soloist: Alexander Borowsky: Beethoven Programme: Overture "Prometheus;" Concerto No. 3. 10.05 Interlude (R). 10.30 Dance Music (R). 11.15 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.20 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Turkish; 8.15 p.m. Persian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 11.15 M. Newsreel. 11.30 The A.P.B. becomes Israel's National Bank, with Mr. S. Hoofien. 11.45 Cello Recital: Thelma Yellin.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (31.32 and 24.92 M.): 7.30 News. 7.40 News Talk. 7.45 Visitors' Corner. 7.50 Talk.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 224 & 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcements. 6.33 Works by Rossini. 7.00 Air Force Programme. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.35 Works by Liszt. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.40 Interlude. 8.45 Community Singing. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

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Police Hold Betar in Jerusalem 'Derby'

The Jerusalem Police XI gave a nice performance on Saturday by holding Jerusalem Betar to a two-all draw on the Y.M.C.A. pitch. Over 3,000 spectators watched the game, including the Jerusalem Police Commander, Mr. Abrahami, and other high police officials.

The Police side attacked from the start and in the 10th minute Rosenbaum, at centre forward, gave them the lead with a nice shot. Betar pressed for an equalizer but were held off by good work by Padida, in goal, and backs, Cohen and Caravan. The Police then swung back into the attack and, following a nice combined movement, Zimet, at inside left, finished off with a goal to give the Police a 2-0 halftime lead.

High Pressure Attack

Betar started off with a high pressure attack in the second half, and the Police defenders were again prominent with cool defensive play. In the 12th minute after the resumption, however, Hasson broke through for Betar to reduce the deficit, and, after continued pressure, the same player equalized in the 25th minute, following a misunderstanding between the Police goalkeeper and backs.

Police last minute moves to regain the lead were frustrated and there was no further score, although Rosenbaum was unlucky, in the closing minutes, to see a shot from two yards out miss. Padida, Rosenbaum, Zimet and Cohen were the Police's best tryers, with Back, Hasson, Blicher and Hezkiel best for Betar. Mr. Asheri refereed.

F.

RAMAT KAL CUP

The games for the annual knock-out Ramat Kal Cup soccer tournament for military sides started last week with three games. Picud Hashmini gained the biggest win, defeating Picud Hadarom by 6-0, after leading 2-0 at half-time. The winners, whose set-up included a number of well known League A players, were far superior to the Hadarom side with its "new faces." The game was played on the Rehovot Maccabi pitch.

The Israel Air Force XI gained a good win over Nachal by 4-2 on the Hadera Maccabi pitch, in the opening game of the tourney, a day earlier. The airmen led 2-1 at halftime. In the third match Picud Hahadraha beat Picud Hamerkaz by 3-0, after holding a 1-0 halfway lead, in a game played on one of the biggest pitches in a military camp in Israel.

Return games between the same sides were due this week. The I.A.F. were due to face Nachal again on Sunday. Picud Hashmini and Picud Hadarom are due for their return Monday with Picud Hahadraha and Picud Hamerkaz meeting today (Tuesday). Two other sides enter the affray on Thursday when Picud Hatzafon play the Navy.

Cambridge Beat Yale

Cambridge University's victorious crew which beat Oxford University in the recent English inter-Varsity boat-race, defeated Yale University's crew easily at Derby, Connecticut, on Saturday.

This was the first engagement for the British crew in the U.S., in a newly inaugurated clash between English and American racing set-ups.

The Englishmen were the superior of the two crews and, despite the valiant efforts of the Yale men, who had only been rowing together for a few days, pulled away in the first half minute of the one and three-quarter mile contest and increased their lead all the way along.

A.K.

Tel Aviv Hapoel Slam Jerusalem

Tel Aviv Hapoel came back into the Histadrut Cup championship running with a big win against third placed Jerusalem Hapoel on Saturday. The Tel Avivians slammed six goals past their opponents without reply, five of them coming in the second half.

In a game between the two bottom placed teams, Ramat Gan Hapoel did even better to win by 7-0 against "bottom-dogs" Rishon le Zion Hapoel.

(Results were given Sunday)

U.S. Backing Israel Application

According to informed sources, the United States will back Israel's application for membership of the International Olympic Committee at the General Meeting due in Vienna next month.

Mr. Avery Brundage, Chairman of the American Olympics Committee and a member of the Executive of the I.O.C., has promised the support of the American representatives and will sponsor Israel's application.

Great efforts are being made to lobby all the member nations to ensure that Israel be accepted into the sports "community of nations."

No Hapoel-Maccabi Agreement Yet

A meeting between Hapoel and Maccabi representatives last week to arrange an agreement between the two sports movements brought no results. Discussions are continuing.

New Pole Vault Record

A new Israel pole vault record was achieved at an athletic meeting at the Tel Aviv Stadium over the week-end, when Tzvi Yanover, of Maccabi Hatzafon, cleared 3.59 metres.

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10-1; 4-7: Exhibition of Ten: Artists' House.

TEL AVIV

10-4: Works by Israel Artists: Tel Aviv Museum.

8.30 p.m.: "Juno & the Peacock": Chamber Theatre: Mograbi Hall.

8.45 p.m.: "Special Appeal": Li-La-Lo, Jasha Heifetz Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-5.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 2 Hassan Shukri Street.

10-12; 4-8: Paintings by Moshe Mokady: Histadrut Hall, Rehov Keller, Mt. Carmel.

SHIPS IN HAIFA PORT ON MONDAY

Imdat, Turk., Cement. **Yaffo**, Is., Mixed Cargo. **Vikingland**, Swed., Gen. Cargo. **Bengazi**, Nor., Loading Citrus. **Tafnit**, Is., Loading Citrus. **Rio Gallegos**, Arg., Meat. **Bulgaria**, Bulg., Completed Offloading. **Debrecen**, Hung., Dura and Cement. **Carbonello A.**, It., Lumber. **Nazim**, Turk., Barley. **Mardin**, Turk., Bagged Cement and Gen. Cargo. **Hashlosha**, Is., Completed Offloading. **Yozgat**, Turk., Wheat. **Exilona**, U.S., Mixed Cargo. **Galilah**, Is., Undergoing Repairs. **Sardegna**, It., Lumber. **Ulla**, Swed., Cement and Gen. Cargo. **Marios II**, Gr., Seaweed. **San Antonio**, It., Undergoing Repair. **Orchidea**, It., Waits Offloading. **Trakia**, Bulg., Completed Offloading. **Dobrondja**, Blg., Household Goods. **Barbaros**, Turk., Cement. **Carlstia**, It., Lumber. **Ecaterini**, Gr., Waits Offloading.

SHIPS EXPECTED

16.4 **Uffington Court**, Gen. Cargo. **Koksal**, Cement. **Uzuner**, Cement. **Thelliconus**, Unbagged Cargo. **Baalbek**, Chemical Fertilizer, Fruit. **Siwa**, Fruit, Preserves. **Brigitte Skou**, Fish, Gen. Cargo. **Karamemet**, Lumber. **Kokneli**, Eggs. **Uygur**, Lumber.
17.4 **World Peace**, Unbagged Cargo. **Artza**, Passengers, Gen. Cargo.
18.4 **Meir Dizengoff**, Gen. Cargo, Lumber. **Vatnajoekull**, Fish. **Alasahir**, Durra.
19.4 **Atlantic**, tourists. **Sobasi**, Lumber. **Transilvania**, Immigrants, Meat. **Abbazia**, Passengers, Gen. Cargo. **Firenze**, Fish, Flour.
20.4 **Alaska Bear**, Gen. Cargo, Paper. **Coruh**, Dura. **Champollion**, Immigrants, Tourists.
25.4 **Thetis**, Lumber, Gen. Cargo. **Pal. Prince**, Gen. Cargo.

Jerusalem Cinemas

At 3, 7, 9 p.m.

EDEN: Please Believe Me.
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United States (dollar	4.31¾
Great Britain (pound)	11.00
France (100 fr.)	1.00
West Germany (100 mk.)	80.00
Belgium 100 fr.)	8.32
Holland (100 gulden)	100.50
Sweden (100 kroner)	70.75
Italy (100 lire)	0.65
Austria (100 sch.)	14.70
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	1.00
Denmark (100 kr.)	47.00
Norway (100 kr.)	46.00
Egypt (Eg. pound)	10.75
Israel (Isr. pound)	4.00
Palestine (Pal. pound)	7.50
Spain (100 pesetas)	8.15
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Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	13.25
Turkey (Turk. pound)	1.15

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AKU	174	171
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Lever and Unil.	235	232
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Handelay. Amst.	132	130
Amst. Rubber	124	123
Deli Maatsch	102	102
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(large)	144	145
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4% Debs. 60/75	111½	112½
4½% Pref. Shares	114	115
Gen. Mortg. Bk.		
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4% Debs. 49/64	[illegible]	[illegible]
4% Debs. 58/66	91½	[illegible]
4% Debs. 55/70	92½	[illegible]
6% Pref. Sh.	115½	116½
Ord. Sh.	119½	120½
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4% 46/58	91½	92½
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Haifa Airport	72	18	25	23
Nathanya	[illegible]	18	22	21
Hakirya	71	17	24	22
Lydda Airport	67	17	26	24
Jerusalem	63	14	24	24
Beersheba	—	16	25	25

*A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

FORECAST: Fair after dispersal of morning clouds.

4,703 IMMIGRANTS arrived by air from Iraq during the second week of April... **Several** hundred newcomers from Iran also arrived during the same week.

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Grocers' shops throughout the country will be closed on Monday and Tuesday during the Passover week, and will be open only until 2 p.m. on Sunday and Wednesday. They will open as usual on Thursday... **Shops** may remain open until 10 p.m. today, tomorrow and Thursday due to the approaching holiday, the Jerusalem Municipality announced yesterday.

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Service staff in Jerusalem Elementary schools are requested to report to the Municipal Offices between 3.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. today to receive an advance on their salaries for April.

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Registration stations for school-children in Tel Aviv will close on Thursday. The Central Registration Station will remain open thereafter, but parents registering their children late will be subject to fines.

Former Army Doctor Alleged Drug Addict

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A former Army Segen accused of practising medicine without a licence, admitted to being a morphine addict in his deposition to the police read in the Magistrate's Court here today. He had begun taking the drug after a kidney ailment several years ago, he said.

The accused, Eliezer Rippner, 34, denied the main charge, however, saying that he had received his medical diploma in Hungary in 1942, and had been granted official permission to practise in Cyprus three years ago while detained in the immigrant camp there. Dr. Max Lippman, at present a Rav-Seren in the Army and formerly Chief Physician at the Cyprus camp, testified today that he had permitted the accused to serve as a doctor on the basis of recommendations from D.P. camps in Europe.

Daily Injections

The accused had not produced a diploma then, Dr. Lippman said. Under further questioning the witness said that there were several cases of doctors serving in the Army without proper diplomas, and that this was a result of the confusion at the time the State was established.

He had habitually removed morphine and other drugs from Army stores, the accused also stated, as he required daily injections. He had also written out his own prescriptions for the drug at numerous pharmacies and under various pretences.

Rippner is also charged with obtaining money under false pretences by drawing a cheque on his wife's name, forging prescriptions, and possessing dangerous drugs. He had met his wife, an American tourist, in the Negev, and was divorced a week later. Troubles between them had caused him to revert to morphine, the accused told the police.

An Army officer testified today that Rippner had been declared a deserter after failing to return from special leave granted when he was married. The accused, who is appearing without counsel, said that he had notified his unit that he was going to hospital for urgent medical treatment.

The case will be resumed on April 18.

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Legality of Gov't Challenged In Petition to High Court

A petition challenging the legality of the present Government was filed in the High Court of Justice yesterday. Directed against the President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the petition asks the Court to summon him to show cause why he should not bestow on a member of the Knesset the task of forming a Government that will enjoy the confidence of a majority of the Knesset, and why the President should not persist in the effort to constitute such a government.

The application, in the form of a writ of mandamus, was filed by Advocates R. Nochimovsky and S. Fishtle of Tel Aviv on behalf of two Herut dissidents, Mr. E. Jabotinsky and Mr. H. Kook. The applicants state that they had made several efforts a month ago to discuss the issue with Dr. Weizmann himself, and, after failing, notified him that they would turn to the High Court.

The principal charges listed in the petition are that the President violated the Small-Constitution when he failed to appoint a Government after the defeat of the Cabinet in a vote of confidence. The applicants declare that the Head of State should have turned to someone other than Mr. Ben Gurion and that it was an affront to the members of the Knesset to suppose that only Mr. Ben Gurion could form a Government.

Similarly, they claim, the President acted in disregard of the Small Constitution in that he failed to have his letters to Mr. Ben Gurion and to the Speaker of the Knesset, regarding the impossibility of constituting a Government, countersigned by the Prime Minister.

Lack of Confidence

The applicants point out that a further lack of confidence in the Government was expressed by the Knesset when it refused to accept the proposals for the amendment of the Small Constitution.

As it is the situation of the Government is ex lex (having no legal status), the petition claims, Mr. Ben Gurion is in a position to do anything he pleases, without being subject to the control or vote of confidence of the Knesset. Yet the Government, without the confidence of the Knesset, continues to propose laws to it.

Attorneys for the applicants justify their petition to the High Court by claiming that the Knesset has no power to force the President to perform his duties under the Small Constitution, and that the Court alone could perform this function.

A special request that the Court shall be composed of all the Justices instead of the usual three.

Ration News

JERUSALEM. — Egg powder: 113 grams, no coupons. Methylated spirits: One 250 gram bottle per family. Candles: One package per family, no coupons. Tomatoes: 250 grams, zone 3, A and B cards, 245. Scallions: 100 grams, zones 3 and 5, 249. Coffee and Tea: Zadi 1, Zadi 2.

Passover meat ration: 300 grams frozen meat, Kuf 22, Kuf 23, Kuf 25, Kuf 26; temporary 15, 16, 19, 20; expectant mothers, additional rations of 600 grams against coupon Aleph in special cards; sick persons with Medical Association coupons for week 8.4-15.4 will receive 500 grams.

The economic police has been instructed not to interfere with the transfer from place to place of food within the reasonable limits of personal rations by holiday travellers on Thursday and Friday.

TEL AVIV — Sugar: March ration, one kilogram, Resh 9; additional 500 grams for holders of A cards. Onions: 300 grams, Peh 26, temporary 29, tourists 6 on supplementary card; deadline, tomorrow. Bananas: 300 grams, Peh 15, temporary 37, tourists 2. Chicken: 150 grams, zones 7 and 8, Shin-Daled 8, temporary 28, tourists 7.

Potatoes: 2.5 kilogram ration against Peh 20, temporary 39, tourists fruit and vegetables coupon 1, expires today.

Rations for soldiers on leave: Cards will be distributed in Tel Aviv by the City Officer; in the rest of the Tel Aviv District, at the district offices of the Food Controller. Rations: 3 days' leave: 4 eggs, ½ package of matzot, one week's meat ration. One week's leave: One package matzot, against coupon Aleph, sugar, rice, margarine and sardines; one kilogram potatoes against Tav Mem 15. Two weeks' leave: coupon 1, one package matzot; coupons 2 and 3, one kilogram potatoes against each coupon; one-half regular civilians' rations on other items.

Hushi Testifies In High Court

The Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Aba Hushi, gave evidence in the High Court yesterday on the functions of the Steering Committee of the Municipal Council of Haifa and on those of the sub-committees of the Council.

Mr. Hushi appeared in response to an order nisi which had been issued by the court against him on March 8, at the request of Mr. Nahum Heth, General Zionist member of the Council. The petition had alleged that the Steering Committee acted *ultra vires*, and that it was in violation of the law to constitute sub-committees of members not elected to the Municipal Council. After hearing the two parties, the court reserved judgment.

Advisory Experts

Mr. J. Weinschal argued for the respondent that the function of the Steering Committee was only advisory and though the applicant could ask the Committee to submit its decisions to the Municipal Council, he could not demand its abolition. As to the sub-committees, the attorney claimed that the presence of experts not elected to the Municipal Council was not prohibited by law. These sub-committees gave advice, but did not "regulate and manage."

For the applicant, Mr. A. Amdursky stated that the Mayor could not delegate en bloc powers that had been entrusted to him. The Steering Committee at best is only an agent of the Municipal Council and should by law be appointed for a specific purpose.

Zealots Discussed In Haifa Council

HAIFA, Monday. — "Haifa is not Jerusalem; here the Municipality guards the Sabbath," Mayor Aba Hushi told the Municipal Council today during a discussion of the interference of Sabbath zealots with the repair of a main during the water stoppage which kept the inhabitants of Hadar Hacarmel waterless for 24 hours in the recent khamsin. The Mayor was answering the question of Councillors G. Kaminka, Progressive, and J. Kushnir, Mapam, on what the Municipality would do to prevent future Sabbath disturbances.

The Mayor regretted that Mr. J. Katz, Deputy Mayor and member of the Orthodox Party here, had been involved in the incident, but said that no major discomfort was caused to the population by the slight delay in the repair work.

All water supplies in the town will be soon controlled by the Municipality, Mr. Hushi said.

An outburst of hilarity occurred when, during a discussion of projected changes in street names, the Communist Councillor proposed that Kingsway be renamed Gromyko Street.

At the meeting, it was announced that the Haifa Institute of Technology would soon develop its property on Hadar Hacarmel. Rehov Nordau will be extended through the courtyard, and the grading of Rehov Balfour will be improved.

Mr. S. Levy, the former Mayor, was named "Haifa's First Citizen" on the occasion of his 75th birthday.

Professor Urey Is Guest of Tech

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — Prof. Harold C. Urey, world famous nuclear physicist and professor at Chicago University, arrived by T.W.A. today, as the guest of the Hebrew Institute of Technology in Haifa.

The visitor who is accompanied by his wife, will remain in Israel until April 29 and will deliver a series of lectures at the Institute of Technology, the Hebrew University and the Weizmann Institute of Science. In Haifa tomorrow, he will speak on his new theory on the formation of the globe. He is expected meet President Weizmann and other scientists.

At a dinner in Haifa held in his honour at the Institute of Technology, Prof. Urey told an assembly which included Mr. Monnett B. Davis, American Ambassador; Rav-Aloof Ya'acov Dori, President of the Institute; Prof. Sydney Goldstein, the Institute's Vice-President; and Professors and the Board of Governors of the Institute, that he believed irrigation could restore the fertility of Israel and its neighbours, and even improve the climate of the region.

Prof. Urey attributed the decline of the Middle East since ancient times to neglect, as well as to change of climate which was probably caused by a slow general rise in the temperature and aridity of the earth. "I have a deep feeling for the efforts of the Jewish population of Israel in this field," he said.

Prof. Urey, who will leave Israel on his 58th birthday, won a Nobel Prize in 1934 for the discovery of heavy hydrogen, and was director of war research on the atomic bomb project from 1940 to 1945. In this capacity, he played a leading part in the theory of nuclear fission and the construction of the atomic bomb.

British Volunteers Buried at Haifa

HAIFA, Monday.—Four British soldiers, who fought with the Israel Defence Army and fell in the Battle of Jaffa in 1948, were buried in the Christian Section of the Haifa Military Cemetery this morning. Their names are Oliver Holcan, Spencer Boyd, Fred Stevenson, and William Edinson.

The Rev. A. Scott Morrison, of the Church of Scotland in Jerusalem, and Rev. H. T. Wisdom, of the Anglican Church in Haifa, officiated at the funeral service.

The Ministry of Defence was represented by the Assistant Director of the Soldiers' Families Department, and Mr. A. Toren-Hibler represented the Municipality.

Cousin of Murdered Man Testifies

The cousin and employer of Yitzhak Ben Pinhas Levy, allegedly murdered with premeditation by Ya'acov Mizrahi, his brother Yitzhak and Nissim Avraham Ravivo, yesterday testified before the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court that he had identified the skeleton of his cousin on November 30, 1950, in a ditch behind the St. John Ophthalmic Hospital in Abu Tor. He had gone there at the request of the Police and recognized the hair of the victim, as well as some rags found on and under the body, he testified at the preliminary inquiry.

The witness also stated that he had last seen Yitzhak Levy on February 23, 1950. On the morning of that day, Ya'acov Mizrahi had come to Rehov Hahavatzelet, where the witness works, and offered Yitzhak Levy a position as a driver for a consulate. It is claimed that the accused had told Yitzhak Levy to be ready later in the day, shaved and well dressed.

The witness then claimed that at one o'clock Mizrahi, short of breath, came up Rehov Hahavatzelet and after meeting Yitzhak Levy went away with him, turning left on Rehov Jaffa. That was the last time the witness saw his cousin, he said.

District Attorney E. Hadaya prosecuted.

The Mobile Blood Unit will arrive in Herzlia at 7 p.m. today. Donors are requested to report to the Magen David Adom station at this time.

Greek Elections Show Swing Right

ATHENS, Monday (Reuter). — A swing to the right in Athens and some other large Greek cities seemed evident from partial results of Greece's first post-war elections learned tonight. Returns available so far for Athens from 286 polling stations out of 323 were: Conservatives 89,294; Epek (a progressive bloc of three parties) 26,677; extreme left 23,948; and a list supported by Svolos Socialists and Sofianopoulos Left-Democrats 3,960.

In Piraeus, 72 polling stations out of 93 showed 27,587 votes for Conservatives and 15,500 for Progressives and Communists.

Figures for Salonika were: Conservatives 32,105; Progressives and Left 30,165.

Main feature of the polling was the eagerness of Greek women to use their newly-acquired right to vote and to stand for election as municipal councillors, if they are over 25.

The political aspect of the elections will be more evidenced next Sunday when the elected councillors will form special electoral colleges to elect the mayors.

Air France Directors Meet El Al Heads

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday. — The visiting directors of Air France who arrived in Israel yesterday were the guests of El Al at a luncheon here today, which was attended also by representatives of the Civil Aviation Section of the Ministry of Communications.

The visitors are here to discuss common problems with El Al, including facilities in the two countries, and possibilities for mutual aid. Discussions were begun this afternoon.

Bail Ordered For Woman Suspect

HAIFA, Monday. — A woman charged by the police with crimes against humanity and interference with the investigation of her records, was today ordered released in IL.500 bail on Passover eve by the Haifa Magistrate, Dr. H. Ehrlich. He issued a remand for four days ending at 8 o'clock on Friday morning.

The police prosecutor applied for a remand pending investigation, the crime of which the woman is charged being punishable by death. The law allows no bail to persons so charged.

Beba Katz-Berkowitz, 35, of Haifa, was first arrested on March 6 on suspicion of having committed offences punishable under the War Crimes Law. The prosecution said that between June and December of 1944 she was "Blockaelteste" at the concentration camp of Birkenau in Poland, and had aided the Nazi guards. At the time of her first arrest, she was released in IL.700 bail.

The police prosecutor today stated that new and aggravating details of the record had come to light and that she was hindering the progress of the investigation.

American Tourist Buried in Jerusalem

The 27-year-old American tourist, Harry Kahn, who jumped from the fourth story of the Palatin Hotel in Jerusalem on April 9 and who died of his injuries at the Hadassah Hospital on Saturday, was buried quietly at the Givat Ram cemetery in Jerusalem yesterday. The man, a pharmacist of Louisville, Kentucky, had no relatives in Israel. The cause for the suicide was unknown.

Kahn, who had been in Israel since February and was to leave the country at the end of the month, wrapped himself in a prayer shawl before jumping from the window of his hotel room, and was reported by a policeman to have screamed "Shma Yisrael" as he fell.

The funeral was arranged by the police and carried out by the Jerusalem Burial Society.

Vietminh Rebels In Violent Attack

HANOI, Monday (Reuter). — A Vietminh rebel battalion last night "violently attacked" the French oupost of Doanxa, 40 kms. southwest of Hanoi, French army H.Q. reported today, but the garrison repulsed the attackers.

Meanwhile, French forces reoccupied Uongbi, which the rebels captured a fortnight ago. It controls the water supply of Haiphong and the north Vietnam coastal sector.

French Union forces engaged another battalion outside the Tonking delta bridgehead, about 250 kms. southwest of Hanoi. The battalion was believed to be attempting to move north towards the French outpost of Sonla in the northwest, earlier reported to be threatened by a combined force of Chinese and Vietminh forces.

Observers believed it was possible the rebel force was moving north towards Sonla hoping to surround Laichau.

Vietminh guerrilla activity inside and around the Tonking delta bridgehead was reported to be continuing. Strong rebel attacks were repulsed at Madao, a village about 30 kms. northeast of Hanoi.

Holiday Meat May Not All Be Fresh

TEL AVIV, Monday. — Ritual slaughterers and porgers have agreed to postpone their threatened strike for higher wages until after the holidays, but as a result of the slowdown in work during today's negotiations, not all Tel Avivians may receive a Passover ration of fresh meat, it was learned here tonight. Some may have to make do with canned or frozen meat, it is believed.

Women Bruised In Rush for Nylons

Jerusalem police were busy most of yesterday restraining the hordes of women who sought to buy nylons at several local shops.

A number of women suffered minor bruises in the general melee as they fought to gain admittance. Shopkeepers barred the entrances and only admitted small groups. Harried constables tried hard to convince the shoppers to form queues, but the women were obviously more interested in nylons than in order.

Kerosene Vendors' Strike Called Off

The strike of kerosene distributors in Jerusalem scheduled for yesterday was called off after discussions between representatives of the oil companies, the Jerusalem Labour Council, and the oil distributors' organization with the participation of Mr. Y. Nenner, Director of the Jerusalem District Labour Relations Department.

It was agreed to conclude negotiations between the disputants within two weeks.

TURKS BEAT MACCABI

BEYOGLU, Turkey, Monday — (AFP). — Tel Aviv Maccabi was defeated yesterday by three goals to one in a football match against Fenerbache.

Cables in Brief

GERMANY. — Thirteen policemen were injured in Gelsenkirchen, in the British zone of Germany, on Sunday, in clashes with the Communist-inspired Free German Youth. Ten members of the organisation were arrested.

PARIS. — General Alphonse Juin, French resident general in Morocco, has arrived in Paris to report to the government. He is also expected to confer in his capacity as Commander of the Atlantic Pact Central European Forces with General Eisenhower.

TITO. — Marshal Tito has left Belgrade to receive treatment for a liver disorder which followed a prolonged attack of influenza.

ROOSEVELT. — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, at her own suggestion, has relinquished her presidential duties in the U.N. Human Rights Commission. She herself proposed as her successor Dr. Charles Malik, of Lebanon, who was unanimously elected.

BREAD. — The Hungarian government has announced that bread will be rationed to a half pound daily per person "because the kulaks are feeding bread to domestic animals." Miners and heavy workers will receive a pound.

LONDON DOCKERS STRIKE AGAIN

LONDON, Monday, (Reuter). —About 9,000 dockers went on strike for the seventh time here today in protest at the prosecution of seven colleagues charged with leading illegal strikes. Previous strikes have been for one day only, but reports from the dock area today suggested the dockers' unofficial Port Workers' Committee planned to extend the present stoppage for several days.

Leaflets circulated today at the dock gates called on the strikers to demonstrate outside the Central Criminal Court, where the trial of the seven dockers was today entering its last stages.

Italians Want Treaty Revised

PARIS, Monday, (Reuter).— Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, has raised the question of a revision of the Italian peace treaty in letters to Monsieur Robert Schuman, the French Foreign Minister, usually well informed sources stated here last night.

These approaches, described as purely private, are understood to have dealt mainly with the military clauses of the treaty and those concerning Trieste.

The Italian Government has, however, made no official approaches to Britain, the U.S. or France about a possible revision of the treaty, these sources added.

Greek Patriarch Visits Mt. Herzl

His Eminence Timotheus, Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, accompanied by Archbishop Antinagoras, crossed the lines from the Old City to Jerusalem yesterday on his first visit to Israel. He was met at Mandelbaum Gate by Mr. Ra'anan Silver, of the Jerusalem District Office, and representatives of the Ministry for Religious Affairs. After inspecting a police guard of honour, Patriarch Timotheus proceeded to the King David Hotel, where he was presented by a representative of the Ministry of Religious Affairs with a silver-bound bible prepared at the Bezalel School. He also visited Mount Herzl. He returned to the Old City yesterday evening.

THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY
General Zionist Unity Faction

The Faction Executive hereby announces that a countrywide convention of branch delegates will be held within the next few weeks.

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ROAD ACCIDENTS

LAST week's toll of seven persons killed and 12 seriously hurt in road accidents reopens the whole issue of road safety. It is easy to blame the drivers or the weather, or the tyres. The fact is that there is a complex of causes responsible for the present high rate of road accidents in Israel — as in all western countries. Until all the causes are understood, no measures are adequate to reduce deaths on the roads.

The first fault is with the roads themselves. Israel has a basic network of all-weather roads, kept in fairly good repair by the Public Works Department. But these roads are not wide enough to take the heavy volume of traffic that now chokes them. The population has rapidly increased, and with it the number of inter-urban buses and taxis: few people travel by railway. Goods too, travel largely by road and not by rail. Large numbers of lorries are used to transport building materials and pipes to new settlements. The roads are consequently being widened in many places, but the only safe road is a four-lane road with the traffic in each direction separated by a raised strip in the middle of the road such as that between Tel Aviv and Bnei Brak. The main roads are now well marked with new traffic signs at dangerous places; but there are still several unmasked danger-spots, especially in the north, that are traps for the unwary.

Moreover, the temptations to speed high-powered cars are not offset by an adequate number of motorcycle traffic police. This is merely a budgetary question and should be remedied at once. The drivers who are selfish and unthinking and refuse to dim their head-lights when passing on-coming traffic at night must be severely dealt with. Nearly all drivers are in a hurry. Many start long journeys when they are dead-tired and in no fit state to drive at all. Too often do army, police or ambulance drivers regard themselves as above the law and break traffic rules even when they are not on urgent missions.

Then, too, slow-moving horse-drawn wagons still block the narrow roads. No tracks alongside of the main roads are provided for cyclists, for whom the main roads are death traps. Cyclists weave in and out of motor vehicles, often on the wrong side. Many carry no head-lamps at night and no rear reflector, so that they are almost invisible to motorists with dipped head-lights.

There are too few traffic police to institute prosecutions, too few traffic magistrates to hear cases, and the sentences imposed are not deterrent. The road safety societies which have just been formed will have to tackle all these problems one by one, until the appallingly high rate of road mortality is severely curtailed.

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Armistice Agreements towards this end, even if it be an end which she herself, as in 1948, could successfully resist. She has ample evidence of the intention of the Arab States to ignore the peace objective explicit in the Armistice Agreements. She would therefore be well within her rights to go to the Security Council and ask that a term be put to the existing Armistice Agreements, insisting that her freedom of action be restored unless, within that term, the Arab States enter seriously into peace negotiations. Insistence upon an effective peace could hardly be described as contrary to U.N. interests. If it is contrary to the interests of certain Arab States these interests are not such as should be encouraged.

Tel Aviv, April 17.

RURITANIAN POLITICS MAKE FOR MISERABLE EXISTENCE

Albania is Russia's Weakest Link

By A.V. Sherman

LONDON —

"ALBANIA," said an American, "means many things to many people and nothing to most people. For the Chinese it is a far-away country which sends them encouraging messages, for the Italians a lost province, and for the average American a little country somewhere in Bulgaria."

Though lying on the main Mediterranean and Adriatic sea-lanes, Albania today remains as effectively isolated from Europe as it was a century ago. Every few months the Cominform press announces that Greece and Yugoslavia are planning to attack and divide up Albania; another purge takes place in the Albanian Communist Party; and another Albanian Minister is reported to have accidentally shot himself in Parliament or in a Ministry "while cleaning his revolver."

These incidents, together with occasional shooting affrays and a steady stream of refugees into Yugoslavia, indicate the permanent crisis in which the "People's Republic" of Albania lives. Lacking industry, cut off from their natural hinterland — Yugoslavia — its million or so inhabitants (there has never been a real census) lead a miserable hand-to-mouth existence, as they have always done. Their way of life is still Asiatic, not European; they are mainly tribal, owing allegiance to no one but their chiefs and torn by perpetual blood-feuds begun generations ago for reasons long since forgotten.

Tribal Structure

Enver Hodja's Soviet-sponsored nominally Communist Government consists mainly of a police regime superimposed on this tribal structure. It maintains power by taking advantage of tribal disputes, supporting some tribes, bribing others, and shooting up the weakest. A Russian puppet of the traditional type, its main job is to control the towns, supply Russia with raw materials, and allow her the use of military and naval bases.

History has repeated itself for these unfortunate people owing to their geographical importance — only the names of the actors have changed.

With the break-up of the Turkish Empire and the growth of Slav nationalism, Austria, Italy and now Russia have in turn used Albania to prevent or to curtail Serbian (now Yugoslav) access to the Adriatic and Mediterranean, although close economic ties with its Slav hinterland are essential to Albanian economic life.

Power politics, and consequent subsidies, intrigues and wars have kept Albania in its present oriental semi-savagery. In Roman times Albania, known as Illyria, was a land of fertile plains and forested mountains, crossed by the Via Egnatia, the main Imperial route to Constantinople. Wars and deforestation have denuded the mountains and turned the plains into malarial swamps. Most of the inhabitants live in the hills, with flocks of mangy sheep and goats, and the country imported maize for human consumption. For the average Albanian bread was, and still is, a luxury, although in Roman times the province exported wheat, and could do so again if the land were developed.

Under Turkish rule the Albanians, as Moslems, were a privileged Ottoman fifth column used against the Christian peasantry in the Balkans. They lived at the expense of their Slav and Greek neighbours as soldiers, policemen and brigands, one person often exercising the three professions simultaneously. Work they looked down on as fit only for women or Christians.

Partisan Activities

During the Second World War partisan warfare against the Italian and later German occupation forces in Albania was organized both by British and by Yugoslav-Communist missions. Afterwards a Communist Government was set up, aided at first by the Yugoslavs, who sent food, clothes, and some technical help which included the building of Albania's first railway. After the Tito-Stalin split in 1948, Hodja decided to throw in his lot with Moscow. He purged the more outspoken Tito sympathizers from his government and asked Moscow for aid. Every few months he has an economic crisis and warns Stalin that unless help is forthcoming the country will fall into the hands of Tito or the Greeks.

Moscow evidently believes it more blessed to receive than to give. It has sent Albania a considerable number of "advisers" as well as armaments, and machinery for exploiting oil, bitumen and mineral resources. These raw materials are then shipped to Russia, but Albania gets in return very little food or consumers' goods, with the exception of some Czech alarm clocks and typewriters. In the last few months the Hodja Government has been collecting Albanian meat, poultry and eggs for shipment to Italy in fulfilment of Soviet trade agreements. Hodja's two army divisions have been called in to enforce the collection of this food, as the Albanians are reacting vigorously, showing their displeasure in the traditional way by shooting policemen and officials.

Many Albanians have escaped into Yugoslavia, where there is a large Albanian minority. Under the Tito regime, "local" Albanians are provided with regular rations of bread, fat, salt, tobacco and textiles, luxurious by their own former standards, for many were too poor even to buy salt. The Kosmet province, where these Yugoslav Albanians live, has its local autonomy, uses the Albanian vernacular, and is slowly drawing the villagers into the twentieth century.

Headache for Russia

As a result, opposition to Hodja inside Albania, inasmuch as it can be given any political name, is taking on a Titoite form, which frequent purges have, by the Government's own admission, been unable to eradicate. Though Albania may be a "thorn in Yugoslavia's flesh," and a "dagger pointed at British Mediterranean life-lines," it is certainly a headache for the Russians. Its tragedy is the tragedy of the Balkans as a whole. Given friendly relations with its neighbours and some outside aid, Albania could steadily develop its natural resources and achieve a stable national life. Instead, its people have been sacrificed to great-power politics, and will have to face more hard times before they achieve emancipation.

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Readers' Letters

TRIBUTE TO CRITIC

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I send you hereunder a few lines of appreciation on Dr. Paul Landau, art critic of "Hador" and "Yediot Hadashot," who died on March 14.

In the death of Dr. Paul Landau, not only his relatives and many friends but the whole art life of the country suffered a great loss. He was a critic with a creative interest in art, always ready to encourage the young and unknown artist and with a deep knowledge and sensitive appreciation on which to draw for his appraisement of an artist's efforts. For some years he was the art critic of "Al Hamishmar," and since the establishment of "Hador," the art critic and regular contributor to this paper, as to "Beterem," and to the German-language daily, "Yediot Hadashot."

Born in Silesia in 1880, Dr. Landau studied the history of literature and art at the Universities of Breslau and Berlin and later established a reputation as an art and dramatic critic for a number of Berlin papers. He was a personal friend of Renoir and other leading Impressionist painters and was among the first art historians and critics in Germany to appraise Cézanne at his since accepted value. From 1935 when he first came to Israel he took an active part in art life here and the gap caused by his death will not be easily filled.

Yours, etc.,
Tel Aviv. *S. WILKINSON*

FROZEN POINTS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—The public is waiting for a clear and quick answer from the Ministry of Trade and Industry about the fate of our present shoe and clothing coupons, when the new ration books are issued.

Why haven't we been told about the remaining (frozen) 50 clothing and 17 shoe coupons?

If I am not wrong we were promised 100 textile points and 50 leather points when rationing came into effect nine months ago.

Yours, etc.,
GERDA NEUSTADTER
Haifa, April 13.

WASTE COLLECTION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In response to requests from "Chevrat Assafim Hameuchadim, Mercaz Homrei Gelem" which is supposed to collect waste materials to save dollars, I phoned three times to ask them to collect a sack of waste paper which I would not like to throw away. Each time they promised to collect it, but they never came.

Even a strongly worded letter to them brought no results. Their advertisements in the press seem to me to be a waste of effort, money and newspaper space. Could you tell me what to do about the matter and with whom to lodge a complaint?

Yours, etc.,
DR. M. REDLICH
Jerusalem, April 15.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—I shall be glad if you will kindly correct an error which appeared in the article "Convoy to Mount Scopus" which appeared in your issue of April 13. The number of books in the Jewish National and University Library on Mount Scopus is not 40,000 as stated, but about 500,000.

Yours, etc.,
M. SPIEGEL
Associate Director
Department of Organization and Information
Jerusalem, April 13.

REAL CLEAN-UP

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—The news in your paper about the "Clean Up Drive" to mark Jerusalem's Health Day was good indeed. We look forward to some tangible assets from this drive providing the full cooperation of all citizens can be obtained.

While we are busy with this business of cleaning up, the Municipality might be reminded that there is a great shortage of lavatory facilities —a distressing failure in this city. Any nook or corner — public or private — is being used without discrimination by our unenlightened citizens. Here valuable paper could be used for good health and hygiene posters, pamphlets etc., in the education of the many newcomers and old residents who know no other methods of hygiene.

Now that the election is drawing near, we hope that the competent authorities in conjunction wih the "Clean Up Campaign" will do something about this terrible and untidy habit of plastering every available blank space with posters, and the painting of slogans on walls.

Yours, etc.,
Jerusalem. *ISRAEL TRAUB*

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Priceless Casket At Bezalel

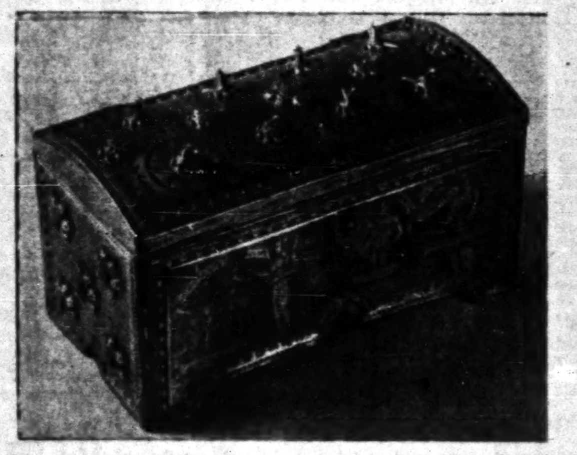

Photo by Bernheim

APRIL'S "Exhibit of the Month" at the Bezalel Museum is a Cinquecento Silver Casket from Ferrara, discovered by M. Narkiss, the Museum's Director, "somewhere in Europe" and described by Professor Berenson, that eminent expert on old Jewish Art, as being unique.

The casket, about 20 centimetres long, has the form of a miniature chest. Ornamentation and "donkey back" legs date it clearly into the second half of the fifteenth century. It was probably designed to hold a bride's keys. We know, for example, that with the dowry of Lucrezia Borgia, there went a tiny casket, exactly alike the big chests holding the trousseau, to keep the keys of all the chests, so that the bride had only to look after the miniature key of the key box.

Sacred Duties

The front of this casket bears a silver plate, representing in Niello work the sacred duties of the Jewish married woman. The style points to Ferrara. The pictures strongly remind one of the paintings decorating Italian wedding chests of the period.

Gilded rosettes are the decor of the small sides. Similar rosettes are to be found on the convex coffer-like lid. These rosettes, however, are the very special feature of the casket. They form the centre of eight little watch-dials, the figures of which are given by the Hebrew letters of various items of the household linen, sheets, towels, serviettes and others. With the help of movable pointers, protruding from the rosettes, the Signora could make up her laundry list, without bothering with paper and pencil, rare commodities in the Cinquecento.

The Ferrara Casket is a fine specimen of old Italian Art. What singles it out is the arrangement on the lid, transforming a precious toy into a useful household gadget. Far more than most of the costly little things filling the cabinets of museums and art dealers, it tells us about the mentality of the Jewish silversmith who made it, and the patrician Jewish lady to whom it was presented, more than four centuries ago.

Th. F.M.

LAST WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Clearing a Path for Elections

By Gerda Luft

THE Knesset began a four-week recess for Passover last Thursday. Members only succeeded in keeping to the deadline for their recess by working overtime during the last week, and by rushing through the Election Bill in an all-day session which kept members glued to their seats from morning till night. It was the old story of endless delays and tussles in Committee, the cancelling of the plenary meetings scheduled for Wednesday, and an ever-growing number of amendments to the draft of the committee.

When the Election Bill finally reached the floor of the House on Thursday morning the number of amendments introduced had risen to 200. It was therefore a remarkable feat that the Knesset managed to finish the voting on the Bill in one day. Despite numerous obstacles, obstinate squabbles between parties and far-reaching differences of opinion, the road was cleared for polling for the second Knesset to take place on July 30.

Full Attendance

During the last day, the House was better attended than it had been for months. The heads of the different parties were aware that voting on the Election Bill would influence conditions for the polling for the second Knesset and they did all they could to get members to attend and to keep them to their seats until the Bill was safely passed. Despite the prolonged struggle in the Legal Committee the third reading was by no means a formality. The proposal to enlarge the Knesset to include 151, was defeated only at this last stage.

Although all parties were influenced in their decision on this issue by considerations of their own advantage, the final decision not to enlarge the Knesset was a victory of common sense and a bow to public opinion which was decidedly opposed to the proposed change. The man in the street felt that if we started enlarging the House in proportion to the rising population, we should come to absurd conclusions.

False Rewards

Those who have observed the Knesset closely during the term of the first House, are convinced moreover that a thorough weeding out of members would do no harm. If Israel wants to reward her elder statesmen with public honours, it is not necessary to give them seats in the Knesset. Work in the House during the next years will be so strenuous and the functions to be fulfilled so important, that candidates for a seat in the House should be chosen solely with an eye to their ability for this special sort of work and not on former records. The larger parties are, of course, not only interested in building up a Parliamentary group which is capable of providing the men and women for speeches on the floor and for work in Committee but in using the names of their veterans as an attraction for the campaign. They have, moreover, to be careful not to offend members of long standing who consider it their inalienable right to sit in the Knesset.

Reform Beaten

The attempt to change over from proportional representation to constituencies was also defeated. The discussion whether the present system is the most suitable for Israel will crop up again during the coming years. There is some impatience among the public and among Knesset members because party rule is the deciding factor in national politics, and there appears to be almost no room for personalities who are unable or do not want to fit themselves into the framework of one of the existing parties. The system of constituencies, where the public comes into close contact with the candidate during elections and can turn to him with proposals, suggestions and grievances during Knesset sittings appears attractive to many who are weary of party discipline.

So strong had the trend to try the constituency system become, that it was proposed to make a change in the election procedure dependent on a two thirds majority. This motion was defeated, and if the second Knesset can rally a bare majority for the abolition of proportional representation, it would be able to accomplish this reform.

There appears to be much muddled thinking on the whole issue. On the one hand we have the fear of the growth of one giant party which would be able to do what it wants in the House and in the State. On the other hand we have the cry for election by constituencies which always works for the benefit of the big party. Because proportional representation has produced many splinter-parties in Israel, it is often forgotten that proportional representation was devised for the protection of minorities. A much more thorough investigation of the different systems and their suitability to conditions here is needed. In the meantime things remain as they are, and the new elections will provide an opportunity of observing the working of the proportional system under the conditions produced by mass-immigration.

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Restrictions on water consumption are therefore imperative, especially during certain hours of the day, in order to ensure all residents their normal needs.

The Municipal Council at its session on April 1 decided to prohibit the use of water for gardens every day from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. In addition, further restrictions will be imposed on projects which consume appreciable amounts of water and which are located in thickly populated areas.

Faulty taps in dwellings, in the yard or on any part of the premises should be mended forthwith.

Any person failing to comply with these instructions will be charged with an offence against the Tel Aviv by-laws, Water Supply, 1946, will be tried and duly punished.

The Municipality draws the attention of the public to the fact that the equipment and pipes for the implementation of the water supply improvement scheme have already been ordered and, despite great difficulties, it is hoped that this equipment will arrive in the country in the course of the year. Once the scheme is carried out, the water supply arrangements for the city will be most satisfactory.

Citizens: Remember that water conservation is the need of the hour.

Israel Rokach,
Mayor.

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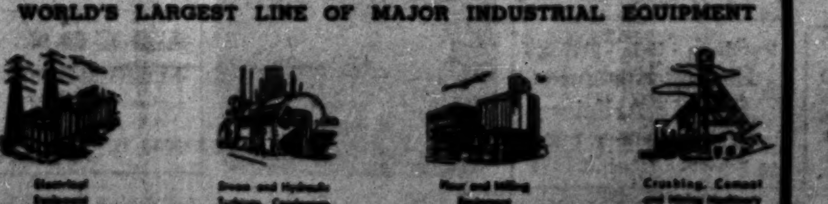

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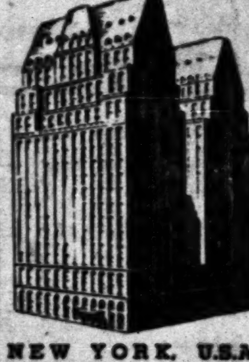

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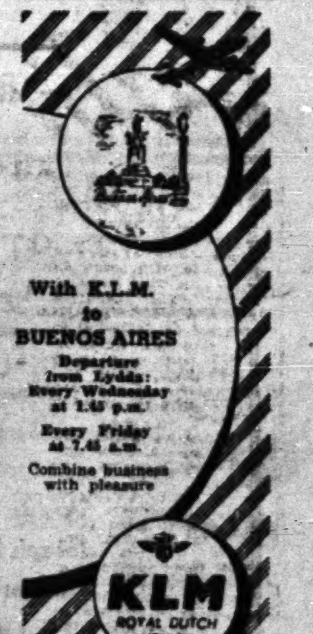

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